

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. The Examiner has found that the application contains two patentably distinct inventions: Invention I (claims 1-20), which is drawn to a multi-layer film and products made from films, and Invention II (claim 21), which is drawn to a process for producing a multi-layer film. The Applicants note that the Examiner did not include a finding with regard to claim 22.

The Applicants elect to prosecute **Invention I** (claims 1-20) in the present application, but reserve the right to prosecute unelected Invention II (claims 21 and 22) in a divisional application.

The Examiner has also found that the application contains two patentably distinct species and requires the Applicants to select one of the species for prosecution in the application. Species I (as shown in FIG. 2) is drawn to a multilayer film having two cover layers. Species II (as shown in FIG. 3) is drawn to a multilayer film having one cover layer. The Applicants elect to prosecute **Species II**.

The Examiner has also found that Species II contains two subspecies. Sub-species I (as shown in FIG. 4) is drawn to a multilayer film having a replication layer and two thin layers (an absorption layer and a spacer layer). Sub-species II (as shown in FIG. 5) is drawn to a multilayer

film having a colored lacquer layer. The Applicants elect to prosecute **Sub-species I** (claims 1-7 and 9-20) in the present application.

In summary, the Applicants elect to prosecute Invention I (claims 1-20), Species II (as shown in FIG. 3) and Sub-species I (as shown in FIG. 4) in the present application. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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